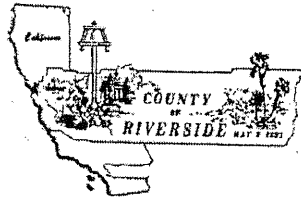


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To whom it may concern,

On June 2, 2006, the Consortium IV (C-IV) Joint Powers Authority Board approved the submittal of a grant application to the Food and Nutrition Service. The proposed grant will be used to develop and implement a simplified food stamp application and eligibility determination process; as well as provide measures to improve access to food stamp benefits to eligible applicants.

As a C-IV partner, Riverside County is in complete support of this endeavor. We agree with, and are looking forward to, implementing the proposed improvements to the C-IV system. We believe that simplifying the application process for the public and making this process available via the Internet is a valuable asset to the residents of our county in obtaining nutrition services. Thank you for consideration of this proposal.

Sincerely,

Cynthia Hinckley
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